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1. Detailed description of the Headquarters of the Soviet Southern Group of Forces (SGF) located at Budapest-Matyasföld, including a sketch with legend showing the location and layout of the buildings which make up the headquarters.

2. Brief description of an unidentified Soviet transport unit located at the intersection of Kerepesi ut and Hungaria körut in Budapest.

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3. Brief description of an unidentified Soviet artillery unit located at the intersection of Hungaria körut and Hős ut in Budapest.

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4. Brief description of an unidentified underground military installation located between Parad and Recsk.

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: Hungary-USSR.

Headquarters of the South Europe Command of the Warsaw Military  
Treaty in Budapest - MATYASFOLD.

1. The main nucleus of the headquarters is situated in the former  
Ferenc Rakosi Military School in Budapest-MATYASFOLD;

The troops for the defense of the headquarters and the technical  
warehouses on the nearby MATYASFOLD Airport;

Dwellings for Soviet officers in nearby buildings.

2. The numbers and letters given below are keyed to those used in sketch  
Number 1 attached to this report.

- 1) Complex of the former Airforce officer cadet school called  
Rakosi Ferenc Tisztykepzo Iskola.

The school was closed after the Autumn Revolt of 1956 because  
a good share of the officers and cadets participated in the  
insurrection. Immediately after the insurrection, work was  
begun to convert it for the use of the subject headquarters.

- a) Former parade grounds for the school, on which the buildings  
housing the headquarters proper were constructed.

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- b) Complex of buildings belonging to the old school.
- c) Barracks of the old school, where offices and various services are installed.
- d) Large shed under which are parked the vehicles of an undetermined Soviet armored unit which <sup>guards</sup> ~~defends~~ the headquarters; the armored vehicles move away from the headquarters only at

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night,  
Security

The former school complex is enclosed on the south side by a fence; on the other sides by a wall 60 - 70 centimeters high with wire fencing 2 meters high on top of the wall.

- 2) Three buildings for civilian dwellings which existed before the war, four stories high and 50 meters long each; they were requisitioned and taken by families of Soviet field grade officers on duty at the headquarters.
- 3) Last stop on bus route No 46.
- 4) MATYASFOLD Airport. This is an old aviation field which existed before World War II, presently the quarters of a recreational parachute center directed by the military for the instruction of young paratroopers and civilian paratroop hopefuls.

It is normally not used by aircraft or helicopters.

- a) Parking area for headquarters motor vehicles used in telecommunications. Among others a radio truck and power generating units were noted.

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b) Complex of sheds used for barracks which house the headquarters troops of various arms, for surveillance, defense and area services.

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c) Warehouse containing spare parts for armored vehicles and motor vehicles of the headquarters.

"U"-shaped pavilion.

The last three targets mentioned are enclosed by a wall and a wire fence on the highway side; the eastern side of the airfield is protected by a wire fence only for a length of about 1,000 meters. The south and west sides of the airfield have not been observed, and it is not known ~~(see to)~~ whether they are enclosed at all.

5) Groups of buildings constructed after World War II, of four stories, inhabited by families of Soviet company grade officers only, on duty at the headquarters.

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6) Catholic church.

7) A monument to Hungarian aviation.

8) Split level country house with six rooms,

It is situated at No 7 on KOSSUTH LAJOS UTCA.

~~In~~ this house was inhabited up to autumn 1960 by two Soviet major generals who had no families. One of them speaks Hungarian fluently.

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- 9) Country house with two apartments taken by:

Hungarian lieutenant colonel commanding a military district  
in Budapest;

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Militia captain Janos BAUER, on duty at the militia headquarters  
of the 16th district.

10)

11)

rented by the two Soviet major

generals mentioned above.

- 12) Gymnasium School MATYAS.

- 13) District Post Office.

- 14) Warehouse for the Subject Headquarters.

This is a three story building connected by street car of  
regular railroad guage.

Cases containing parachutes were unloaded from cars on this  
railroad.

- 15) Athletic field.

- 16) New quarters of the 16th District Militia Headquarters  
having territorial jurisdiction over the city districts of  
MATYASFOLD, SASHALOM and CINKOTA. It was transferred here in  
January 1961.

3. Aircraft defense of residences near the headquarters.

At the beginning of 1961 the cellars of the two country houses in  
which the Soviet major generals and the two Hungarian officers  
mentioned in numbers 8 and 9 of attached sketch were living, were  
reinforced and converted to bomb shelters.

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4. Telephone connection in the country house occupied by the two Soviet major generals. 50X1-HUM

In January 1961 the house was given direct telephone connection with subject headquarters and the nearby Matyasfold Airport mentioned in this report.

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Attached Sketch No 1

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SOUTH EUROPEAN HEADQUARTERS OF THE WARSAW MILITARY TREATY

Budapest - Matyasfold<sup>"</sup> (Hungary)

LEGEND

- 1) Complex of the former air force school for officer cadets, closed in 1956.
  - a) Former parade ground for the school on which the buildings housing the headquarters proper stand.
  - b) Cluster of buildings belonging to the old school
  - c) Barracks of the old school
  - d) Large shed which shelters the armored media of an undetermined Soviet unit to protect the headquarters.
- 2) Three buildings occupied by the families of Soviet field grade officers.
- 3) Last stop on bus route No 46.
- 4) Matyasfold Airport<sup>"</sup>
  - a) Parking area for technical motor vehicles of the South Europe Headquarters of the Warsaw Treaty for telecommunications;
  - b) Sheds used as barracks for the troops on duty and the above headquarters;

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c) Technical warehouse for spare parts for the armored vehicles

and other motor vehicles of the same headquarters.

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- 5) Group of buildings occupied by families of Soviet company grade officers on duty at the headquarters.
- 6) Catholic church.
- 7) Monument to Hungarian Aviation.
- 8) Country house lived in by the two Soviet major generals of the headquarters, without families.
- 9) House with two apartments occupied by a captain of the Hungarian militia and by a Hungarian lieutenant colonel who commands a Budapest military district.
- 10) [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- 11) Garage next [redacted] house, which is rented to the two Soviet major generals mentioned above.
- 12) Matyas gymnasium school.
- 13) District post office.
- 14) Another warehouse of the South Europe Headquarters for the Warsaw Treaty. Parachutes were unloaded here.
- 15) Athletic field.
- 16) New quarters beginning 1 January 1961 of the 16th District Militia Headquarters.
- 17) Streetcar with railroad standard gauge rails.

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SUBJECT: HUNGARY - USSR.

Undetermined <sup>transport</sup> ~~mechanized~~ unit of the Soviet army in Budapest.

1. This unit is lodged in the Ferenc Jozsef Lovassagi Laktanya (Franz Josef Cavalry Barracks) situated on the Kerepes<sup>i</sup> and Utca; it intersects with Hungaria Korut.

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It has always been occupied by Russians since the end of the war.

- a) Former Franz Josef occupied by a Soviet transportation unit;
  - b) Old barracks occupied by an undetermined Soviet artillery unit.
2. Vehicles noted in the courtyard  
Mostly ZIS and GAZ-MOLOTOV trucks of two and three axles;  
Trailers.  
The barracks is "full" of motor vehicles.
  3. Motor vehicle shop  
There is a large shed, among other structures, where it is believed there is a shop equipped to overhaul and repair the motor vehicles.

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SUBJECT: HUNGARY - USSR.

Undetermined artillery unit of the Soviet Army in Budapest.

1. Lodging

Installed in an old artillery barracks situated on the Hungaria

Korut at the corner of Hos Ut. Its name is unknown.

It is adjacent to the southern side of the former Ferenc Josef barracks  
now occupied by an undetermined Soviet army transportation unit.

The barracks is enclosed by a wall about three meters high.

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2.

Quadruple mounted anti-aircraft guns;

field guns of undetermined type

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SUBJECT: HUNGARY - Undetermined military <sup>installation</sup> ~~objective~~ underground in the area between ~~PARAD~~ (2003 East/4756 North) and RECSK (2007 East/4757 North).

1. The subject area formerly contained a camp for political prisoners who were employed in old stone quarries, but the camp was closed. During the quarry work deposits of lead, and <sup>tin</sup> ~~imony~~, gold and perhaps even uranium were found, but they have remained unmined. An underground installation has been installed in the RECSK area, which according to various rumors contains a weapons factory, or an ammunition factory or an atomic weapons depot.

In the autumn of

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1960 various skilled workers were hired to work in this target.

Dwellings were constructed for the workers and technicians in this area.

The contract is advantageous and binds the worker for a minimum period of five years.

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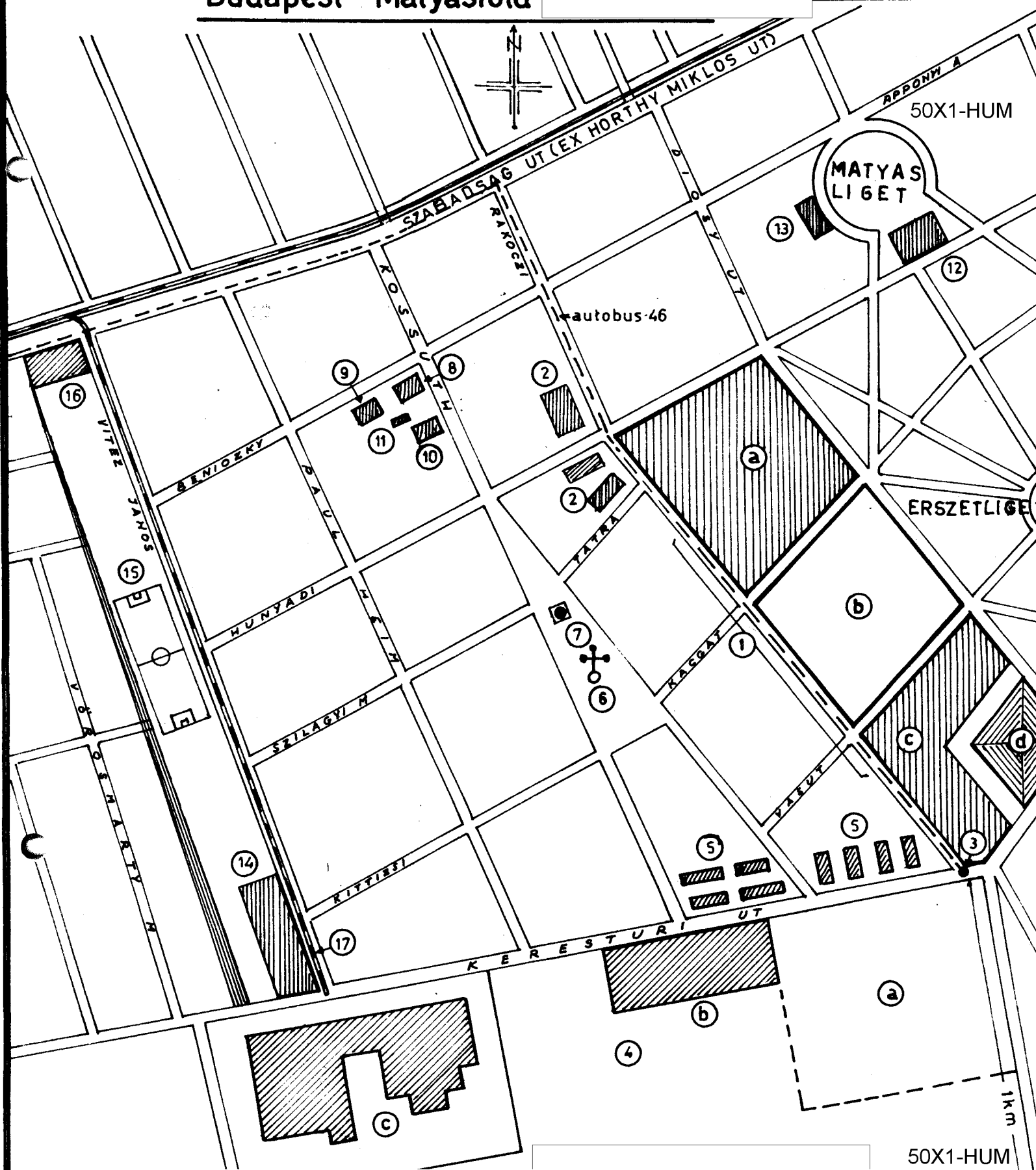
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